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## S. grants Muslim side equal time

Washington Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6 — An agreement to allow equal television airtime to Saudi Arabia or Muslim spokesmen on the facts surrounding the film, "Princess," was reached in preliminary discussions last week in Washington between representatives of WGBR Television and Dr. Khaled Abdullah Mansour, a San Francisco attorney. He is now in a position where it is to let station programmers know who will represent Saudi Arabia and in world in such a rebuttal. "Arab News / Asharq Al-Awsat" telegrams last week to both Muslim leaders and Saudi government officials telling them what action I was asking them to prepare their

to postpone the May 12 showing. Al-Mansour said he would have the station with information on who would be available representing religion and Saudi Arabia to film no later than May 7. In the meantime, that a Public Broadcast Service (PBS) we voluntarily decided not to air "Princess" on May 12. At least nine stations within the PBS network that they would not show the film. Stations were expected to take the

it was learned Danish state will not show the film because it is fictional, contains too much fiction in factual documentation." man committee of the cultural single-channel Danish television unanimously not to screen the film.

winked away

May 6 (AP) — A criminal, discharged recently when its winking at the defendant as the retiring to consider its verdict, witnesses told the district criminal judge that the woman, described as a "young, stunning winker at the man."

the second day of the trial of Richard Gordon, 27, accused of previous bodily harm to a fellow at Sydney's Long Bay jail.

public had seen the incident it about a diminution of respect

al procedures, the judge said.



LEADERS: King Khalid meets Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez during Suarez' official visit to the Kingdom. The prime minister is in Saudi Arabia for bilateral talks on the international and Middle East situation as well as economic matters. Tuesday evening King Khalid gave a dinner in honor of Suarez. Earlier in the day Crown Prince Fahd and Suarez held formal talks at Nasseriyah palace which were attended by members of both delegations. Prince Abdullah later on gave a luncheon party in honor of Suarez. Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaiman, who heads the Saudi side of the Joint Saudi-Spanish Commission, held talks with his counterpart Commerce Minister Luis Gomez.

### Extremists demand revenge

## Israeli govt. to isolate Hebron, Halhoul

TEL AVIV, May 6 (Agencies) — Israel's Defense Minister Ezer Weizman has rejected extremist demands for punitive action against Palestinians of the occupied West Bank in revenge for Friday night's killing of six Israelis in the Arab town of Hebron.

But he told the Knesset the government had decided to isolate Hebron and the neighboring village of Halhoul but hoped it would not have to take similar actions against other towns in the West Bank.

Demand has been raised over the weekend not only for strong retaliatory action by security forces but for a program of massive Jewish settlement in the occupied Arab land to demonstrate Israel's determination to keep them under its own domination. But Weizman said the government had to take into account international opinion.

Meanwhile thousands of Israelis, demonstrating their solidarity with Jewish settlers, headed Monday to Hebron for the funeral of an American-Israeli victim of Friday's attack.

After the solemn burial of American-born Eli Hazzev, 32, at sundown, the crowd was different. One armed youth heaved a big rock through the windshield of an Arab pickup truck. Several others aimed at windows, and when the crowd descended to the center of the curfew city, more rocks were thrown

and bursts of automatic gunfire crackled in the narrow streets beside Hebron's religious shrine, the tomb of the Patriarch Abraham, a site sacred to Jews and Muslims.

Hebron's 50,000 Arabs were in the third day of a round-the-clock curfew, and 3,000 Israeli settlers who live on the edge of the city were showing that Israel still was in charge.

Arafat agitations elsewhere in the West Bank were aggressively suppressed. Troops imposed a curfew on a Palestinian refugee camp where stone-throwing youths had slightly injured an Israeli officer.

The broader issue of Israel's security concerns reverberated in the Palestinian auton-

### Energy trends prompt OPEC parley

JEDDAH, May 6 (SPA) — International instability and adverse trends on the energy front have prompted OPEC to call an emergency meeting for Wednesday in Taif, a senior OPEC official said Tuesday.

Organization Secretary-General Rene Ortiz, who arrived here Monday to attend the meeting, said that the future of world energy and links between OPEC and the Third World will be high on the agenda.

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister

of petroleum and mineral resources, will lead the Saudi delegation to the meeting. The delegation will include Abdul Aziz Al-Turki, the deputy minister for petroleum, Khidir Harazallah, deputy minister for accounting and director general of economic administration; as well as a number of economic advisers.

Among the first arrivals in Taif Monday were Ortiz, Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons Humberto Calderon, and Indonesian Oil Minister Subruto.

### Hostages safe

## British commandos end 6-day Iran embassy siege

N. May 6 (Agencies) — The Iranian embassy in London, once a graceful 19th century residence, Tuesday stood a smoking commando assault which ended a tense crisis of gunfire, explosions

and troops of Britain's Special Air Service (SAS) Monday night stormed the building 19 Iranians and British holding four of their captors, after negotiations and diplomatic efforts to end the situation peacefully.

said six or eight commandos setting explosion from the roof at apparently a "sun grenade" used to the gunmen. The commandos ed themselves on ropes to a window, threw in another and stormed inside the building after explosion followed the two and smoke engulfed the building escape operation developed.

the assault was approved by the after gunmen who had seized the

Iranian, which had refused to give in to the guerrillas' demands for the release of 91 prisoners in southern Iran, joined Britain in halting a successful operation. President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr cabled Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with his gratitude for what he called the competence of the British police.

Mrs. Thatcher later visited the SAS assault group, said by police sources to have been drawn from British forces in Northern Ireland and West Germany, to congratulate them "not only on behalf of Britain but on behalf of the rest of the world."

Home Secretary William Whitelaw, who gave the official go-ahead for the attack, told reporters: "The operation showed that we in Britain are not prepared to tolerate terrorism in our capital city."

Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, whose officials had been involved in mediation negotiations with the ambassadors of Syria, Kuwait and Jordan almost up to the minute the storming took place, said in Washington that he hoped it would be a deterrent "to all those who are prepared to use this kind of action (hostage taking)."

One of the dead was identified by the Iranian consulate as 25-year-old embassy press counsellor Abbas Lavasani. The body of another, as yet unidentified hostage, was believed by police to be inside the embassy, still smouldering Tuesday after a fierce fire which followed the assault.

Three of the Iranian hostages were wounded in the assault, two of them seriously, police stated. The other 16 surviving captives, including three Britons, were said to be in good condition and were being



Police Commissioner McNee: Final appeal for a peaceful solution.

described by police Tuesday.

The siege began when the five gunmen, describing themselves as Arabs from the Khuzestan region of southern Iran, took over the embassy at 11:30 a.m. last Wednesday. Scotland Yard experts in psychological techniques handled negotiations and believed they were winning the upper hand when at least three deadlines set by the guerrillas for killing their captives passed uneventfully. Talks were frequently described as cordial and the gunmen as flexible. Five hostages were freed unharmed.

Then, after more than 120 hours, things began to go wrong Monday afternoon. There was an unexplained change of mood by the gunmen, with a Scotland Yard spokesman Monday night saying, "They became irritable, tense and tired."

The spokesman, speaking to reporters at

the scene, gave the following sequence of events:

Early in the afternoon, police heard two or three shots from inside the building.

At 6 p.m. Scotland Yard Chief Sir David McNee made a personal written appeal to the guerrillas.

"It is not our way in Britain to resort to violence against those who are peaceful," Sir David said. "You have nothing to fear from my officers providing you do not harm those in your care. I firmly hope that we can now bring this incident to a close peacefully and calmly."

The spokesman said the appeal was made before police knew for certain whether anyone had been killed in the shooting.

The gunmen did not reply verbally to the plea for peace, but shortly before 7 p.m. a further three shots were heard — and the body of a hostage was pushed out of the embassy.

Police, in contact with the guerrillas over a field telephone, were then told that further captives would be killed every 30 minutes. It was then decided to commit the SAS, the spokesman said.

The SAS, specially trained for such operations, deployed between 30 and 40 men in the assault from the front, back and roof of the building, police sources said. They attacked as two huge explosions rocked the embassy and flames began sweeping through its four floors.

Informed military sources said the SAS men lobbed stun grenades similar to the ones they supplied to the West German GSG-9 anti-terrorist team that stormed a Lufthansa airliner hijacked to Mogadishu in October 1977 to free 86 hostages.

The grenades, developed by the SAS, apparently worked as well in the Iranian embassy as they did in Mogadishu. They immobilized the gunmen for up to 10 precious seconds — enough time for the troopers to get in close and knock out the gunmen before they had time to kill their captives.

All four terrorists in the Mogadishu attack were killed. In the London siege, the SAS men killed three of the five gunmen and wounded another.

SAS officers and non-coms also helped. Dutch authorities plan the assault on a train and school near Assen three years ago in which Moluccan terrorists held scores of hostages.

### Exclusive interview

## Mideast problems prompt Suarez visit

By Farouk Luqman

Riyadh, May 6 — Spain's common interest with Saudi Arabia in Middle East problems has brought Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez to the Kingdom for two days of talks with King Khalid and key officials.

In an exclusive interview with *Arab News* Tuesday, Suarez said that his visit also is aimed at boosting Spain's trade with the Kingdom.

Suarez said the region currently is experiencing "difficult moments," and that an exchange of views is important. He said he looked in the economic arena for "a greater participation of Spanish goods and services in the Saudi Arabian market."

The prime minister answered additional questions on Spain's goals and position on world problems.

Q — What is the purpose of your visit to Saudi Arabia and does it have any political and economic objectives. If yes, what are they?

A — The Saudi-Spanish relations are excellent and the historic ties binding us have been reinforced and updated with the personal friendship between our monarchs as well as with the development of our political and economical contacts.

There is a double purpose in my visit. From one side, to proceed to an exchange of viewpoints on the international situation and particularly in respect to the Middle East, in difficult moments, where important common interests are in cause.

From the other side, I hope that this trip will give a new impulse to our economical cooperation as well as to cooperation in other fields.

The basic objectives of the trip in the economical field could be resumed on a greater participation of Spanish goods and services in the Saudi Arabian market as well as in a closer cooperation in the economical field and specifically within those sectors included in the plans of productive investment.

Q — What is Spain's position regarding the Middle East problem, the future of the Palestinians and their demand for a homeland. What is Spain's concept of a fair solution and how does it compare with that of the rest of Western Europe. Is Europe aiming at a proposal to solve the problem. What is it. Is Europe communicating its ideas on this subject to the United States?

A — We believe it is necessary to have a just, peaceful and global solution of the Middle East conflict, based on the principles and resolutions of United Nations. We believe that such solution involves, first of all, the recognition and the putting in practice of the national rights of the Palestinian people. We

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## Arafat in Baghdad to mediate Iraq-Iran rift

BAGHDAD, May 6 (Agencies) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, arrived in Baghdad today in an apparent attempt to heal the breach in relations between Iran and Iraq.

He was accompanied by Salim Zaouni, a member of the leading commando movement,

who was quoted as saying last week

Arafat had sent envoys to Baghdad and

Iraq in an effort to reduce tension between

two countries.

Iraq and Iran have accused each other of

hostility for a number of subversive

rites.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted

as saying he would have talks with

President Saddam Hussein and other officials

the "current developments in the Arab

land" and "imperialist-Zionist chal-

lenges."

He said Palestinians in Israeli-occupied

territories "are now facing the ugliest forms

of imperialist-Zionist challenges" and "rising

not the usurping Zionist entity."

After Monday, Arafat said Israel was

conducting a major military operation and

said he had called all Palestinians to

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An official Saudi Press Agency quoted

as telling Palestinian groups in Riyadh

that his movement had been fighting a war of

attrition against Israel for the last nine

months and would continue to fight for "vi-

cinity and the liberation of Jerusalem."

Arafat praised last Friday's commando

attack which killed six Israelis in the occupied

West Bank town of Hebron. But he warned

that Israel was planning a major military

operation and said he had issued a general

call to arms to all Palestinians, the agency

said.

In another development, Iraqi Deputy

Prime Minister Nain Haddad said in inter-

view published Tuesday that Iraq will con-

tinue to demand the withdrawal of Iranian

troops from three strategic islands in the Gulf

Haddad told the Kuwaiti newspaper

*Al-Rai Al-Aam* that his country also would

seek to regain full control of the Shatt el-

Arab estuary which divides Iraq and Iran.

"Iraq will fight without rest for the with-

drawing of Iranian troops from the three Arab

islands and Iraq will fight to recover its full

sovereignty over the Shatt el-Arab," Haddad

said according to the Kuwait news agency.



Yasser Arafat

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### Five years after revolution

## Ethiopia's Mengistu fails to consolidate power base

By Colin Legum

LONDON, May 6 (OFNS) — It has become fashionable to take the view, as expressed by Mrs. Indira Gandhi in speaking of Afghanistan, that it is wrong for the victim of Soviet military interventions to call on strong allies to help them resist the Russians. The argument is that any Western military response serves only to strengthen the Russians' stubbornness.

O'Brien found Addis Ababa a calm city; but he did not say that it was the calm of the graveyard; all opposition has been savagely curbed; executions are frequent and summary; nobody can be sure how many political prisoners fill Ethiopia's jails — 30,000 to 50,000, that would be the very least. And, as in Stalin's time many are dissenting Marxists.

This was the view taken by Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien in his recent series of articles in *The Observer* on the Horn of Africa. "It is probable," he wrote, "that some people are now considering ideas for destabilizing Ethiopia's revolutionary regime, both internally and externally."

But who other than the Soviet bloc and Cuba are responsible for helping to "destabilize" the Horn — first by the military support they gave to Somalia and, for the last five years, through their massive arms supplies and the presence, even now, of 14,000 Cuban combat troops?

Ever since 1976 the Western powers have responded to the conflict in the Horn of Africa in exactly the way Mrs. Gandhi and others propose for Afghanistan; they meticulously abstained from supplying arms to any of the parties engaged in the conflict; they gave huge sums of money for economic aid (Ethiopia, for example, is the largest single recipient of EEC aid in

the Third World); and they patiently pursued diplomatic means to get the Cubans and Russians out of Ethiopia, while leaving the negotiations mainly to the regional powers.

This approach has met with a complete lack of success in the Horn; so, why should one suppose that it is likely to work any better in Afghanistan?

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Even the harmless women and children of the late emperor's family remain incarcerated after nearly seven years; none has ever been brought to trial. They are simply left to rot.

There is ample evidence to show that Ethiopia's Marxist revolution is being imposed, with Soviet and Cuban help, on an unwilling population. The entire Eritrean province is still in open revolt, despite the presence of more than 80,000 Ethiopian troops supported by Warsaw Pact generals and other military advisers.

In the neighboring province of Tigre, the revolt among the peasants has been spreading steadily.

The largely Somali-inhabited Ogaden province remains a battlefield. Only last month over 800 Ethiopians died there. In the next-door province of Bale, the Oromos (Gallas) still patrol most of the territory.

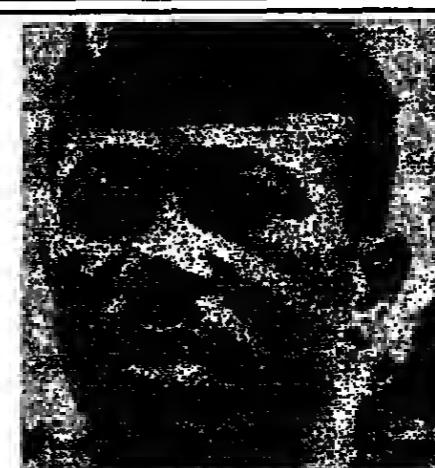
Arab-American groups and individuals to combat stereotyping of Arabs in the U.S. media and discrimination against Arab Americans in employment, education and political life.

The committee will initiate legal action if necessary to halt specific instances of anti-Arab discrimination, the organizers said.

A transitional committee was set up during Saturday's organizing meeting.

Eventually the AAADC plans to form a national advisory board (composed of Arab and non-Arab Americans), an executive board, a national office and state coordinating committees.

In undertaking legal actions, the group will work with such organizations as the newly founded Arab-American Bar Association and non-Arabs alike. Nonvoting membership will be available for foreigners, such as Arabs in the countries of the Middle East.



Mengistu Haile Mariam

Nor is this "internal destabilization" caused by the opposition to Mengistu Haile Mariam's regime the result of foreign intervention. The West gives no support of any kind — oot even lip service — to their resistance.

Because the Somalis have proved themselves to be so stubbornly nationalist in their resistance, they have naturally invited massive retaliatory violence. And, with neither side ready to yield ground, the Ogaden remains a battleground.

Almost one million Somalis are now refugees. Intentionally or not, this might turn out to be Mengistu's "final solution" for the Somali problem in the Ogaden — but this remains to be seen.

The fact is that, after five years, the Ethiopian revolution is still a very long way from being consolidated. For all his thoroughness and political ability, Mengistu has not yet managed to establish his own power. Stalin-like purges occur regularly within the ruling elite. Nobody can be sure of the final outcome.

Nor is it even clear whether Mengistu for all his Communist pretensions is indeed a Marxist-Leninist or just another Third World radical nationalist.

## Two Yemens agree on joint projects

ADEN, May 6 (R) — North and South Yemen have agreed to set up joint economic projects and coordinate their development plans as a step toward unification. A joint statement said.

The statement, issued at the end of a four-day visit to Aden by North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdughani, said prime areas for joint projects were industry, mining and transport.

Abdughani is the highest-ranking North Yemeni official to visit the south since it won independence from Britain in 1967. But the presidents of both Yemen met in Kuwait a year ago after a border war and agreed on unifying their countries.

South Yemen's President Ali Nasser Muhammad announced after a final round of talks with Abdughani Tuesday morning that he would soon meet North Yemeni President Ali Abdulla Saleh for important unity talks.

The two countries also condemned "all forms of military intervention or aggression against the peoples of the area including the American military aggression against Iran."

**Hussein to visit Iraq**

AMMAN, May 6 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan will visit Iraq within the next few days for talks with President Saddam Hussein on current Arab developments, the royal palace has announced.

No precise date was given for the two-day visit.

A high-level Iraqi delegation led by first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Zassin Ramadan visited Jordan for three days last week and signed agreements worth \$135 million in loans and aid for Jordan.

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## Afghanistan tribesmen smash Soviet relief force

By Anthony Hyman

QUETTA — Tribesmen in Hazarajat, the mountainous region of central Afghanistan, have checked and broken up a powerful Soviet force attempting to relieve Bamian, the provincial capital, which has changed hands three times over the past year.

A combined force of 400 Soviet tanks and military trucks has been split into three isolated groups on the route to Bamian, at Doabi Mekh-i-Zarin, Talobaq and Anardara, since the beginning of April. Fierce fighting is going on along the mountain passes, where Soviet air power had been unable to intervene.

Although most of the region is entirely under the control of Hazara tribesmen, intense guerrilla war is being fought in Bamyan province, northwest of Kabul, and in Ghazni, southwest of the capital, on the fringe of Hazarajat.

Hazara leaders in Quetta say that since the Soviet offensives in the two provinces, some 650 Russians have been killed and more than 40 tanks destroyed. The cost to the guerrillas has been high, mainly because there are no medical facilities in the coun-

tryside of Hazarajat, by far the poorest region of Afghanistan.

The sole dispensary has used up its supplies of medicine and dressings, and only a trickle of medical aid has come through the border route from Quetta.

Only one doctor is available in the entire region, after a purge of the small class of Hazara intellectuals under the Taraki and Amin regimes.

The 80,000 Hazaras settled in Pakistan, many of them born in Quetta, have provided irregular medical supplies, and also help to treat the "walking wounded", who are fit enough to cope with the journey on foot taking up to two weeks from Bamian across to Quetta.

The leadership of the Hazara resistance is centered on the small town of Waris, in Bamyan province, where representatives of each district form an "independent government of Hazarajat". This body, the Shura or consultative assembly, was formed nine months ago from 17 districts and has grown to include all 42 Hazara districts.

Each district is administered by a *komite* — the same title was used for the popular committees during the Iranian revolution. Though the Hazaras

are Persian-speaking Shias, they have no direct contact with Iran, and are a Mongol people long settled in central Afghanistan.

Hazara leaders claim their people number six million, but a more accepted figure is three million — about one-fifth of the total Afghan population. Because of their fighting qualities Hazaras formed more than half the Afghan army.

Now that at least half the Afghan army's 100,000 men have deserted or been killed, a large body of deserters is available in Hazarajat, and trained officers are being widely used as commanders in many districts.

A system of short-term military service has been introduced by the *komite*s in each district, where one man in turn from each household does 15 days' service. One surprising asset in the guerrilla war is the ease of communication between districts as the telephone system in Hazarajat has survived the civil war almost intact.

Hazaras are poorly armed, and have so far cap-

tured little in the way of military supplies, but when Hazara *komite*s have ammunition, they have taken the offensive.

Leadership has come from a small group of Hazara intellectuals and tribal leaders, of whom the most active is Wali Beg, president of Itteha Mi-jahedin Islami Afghanistan (Unity of Islamic Fighters).

Wali Beg was an MP before parliament was suppressed under Daoud's rule, and is a noted advocate of Hazara demands. At present he is in Tehran apparently trying to obtain assistance for the guerrilla war.

Another prominent Hazara is Hadji Nadir Al Ala'dad, also a former MP. Aged 48, he languished for years in prison under Daoud, Taraki and Amin but was released four months ago by Babrak Karim, in the hope that the Hazara leader would bring peace to his region.

Instead Al Ala'dad joined what he called the jihad of holy war against the Russians. — (OFNS)

## POSITIVE SIDE

If there is a positive side to the tragic and violent way in which the siege of the Iranian embassy in London ended, it is in the credit the British government must have gained with Iran, whose president, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, hastened to send his thanks to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. This places Britain in a strong position to mediate between Iran and the United States over the question of the American hostages held in Iran.

Britain's position on this matter has been closely identified with the United States. Yet the possibility of such a mediation is not so remote, given Britain's current view, as Foreign Minister Lord Carrington expressed it in America recently, of the inadvisability of any military solution to the question. Britain is worried that a further military adventure in Iran would have very serious repercussions in the Gulf area, with all that this implies to the economy and safety of the rest of the world.

Lord Carrington also conveyed to President Carter and his advisers the view that the crisis in Afghanistan, which has been relegated to the background in favor of that over the hostages, is the more serious one in the long run. This evaluation has been a cause of friction between the United States and its allies, to the extent that some observers have seen in the present American neglect of Afghanistan a measure of appeasement, being a part of a price for a return to detente. While the view is admittedly extreme, it certainly has it hearers in the West, for whom it confirms the old lesson that when it comes to the relations between the great powers and the smaller nations, principles tend to go by the board in favor of accommodation among the strong.

## THE LESSER EVIL

The Texas primaries show that President Carter's campaign for reelection is marching on ahead after the recent painful stumbles. The victory over Senator Kennedy was by a decisive two to one majority. The incumbent's harvest of delegate votes stands now at 1200, well on the way to the 1666 required for the Democratic nomination. Kennedy lags badly behind at no more than around 600 delegates.

On the Republican side, Reagan only just beat Bush. Yet the overall picture is similar to what is happening in the Democratic Party. Reagan has around 600 votes, out of a total of 999 required for the Republican nomination. Reagan, originally a minority taste even within his own party, is enjoying a measure of national popularity. The phrase, "President Reagan" is heard a lot. But the probability is that he will prove no match to Carter in the elections.

The Texas results have demonstrated that American public opinion supports Carter's handling of foreign affairs, despite the severe setbacks the United States has been experiencing. It is probable that this will continue, barring, of course, further disasters where it concerns the American hostages in Iran. Carter's opponents seem to have got this message loud and clear. The burden of their attack on the administration has shifted to the problems of the economy.

Questions of banding the economy, however, are by their very nature controversial, and little electoral capital can be drawn out of them. This, at least has been Kennedy's experience up to now, who had only his New York win to show for his efforts in this direction.

The Arabs cannot but look with satisfaction at the receding of Kennedy's hopes for the presidency. Despite all of their objection to Carter's handling of the problem of the Middle East, he remains very much the lesser evil as far as they are concerned.

## Easing U.S.-Soviet tension

By Siegfried Buschschuler

### FRANKFURT —

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will take his time before letting Moscow know whether "early summer" is convenient for his proposed visit to the Soviet capital.

He has already consulted the country's two principal allies, France and the United States. The trip would probably be the first by a senior Western head of government since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan last December.

But there is little doubt that the German chancellor will eventually take up the invitation, originally made during Brezhnev's visit to Bonn in May 1978. For the Soviets to re-activate the offer of talks with Brezhnev is the kind of signal the West German government had hoped for in the wake of the Afghanistan adventure.

Schmidt has grown increasingly worried about the breakdown in communications between Washington and Moscow. Although neither wanted a war, he said recently, they had no adequate strategy on avoiding a conflagration. Neither side was talking openly about its fundamental aims and interests. He called on all the parties to "put themselves in the position of their opponents."

While Schmidt has no desire to cast himself in the role of a go-between, his talks with the Soviet leadership could clear the air and contribute to a clearer perception of Moscow's ultimate goals after Afghanistan as well as impress on the Russians the need to pull back from the abyss of a third world war.

## Riots threaten Indian unity

By Sumanta Datta-Ray

### CALCUTTA —

Seven months of unabated rioting in India's northeastern state of Assam presents the most serious threat to the country's ethnic and linguistic unity so far faced by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Bangladeshi President Ziaur Rahman also fears that if Assam racists have their way, his impoverished and overpopulated country might be flooded with millions of refugees.

Trying to break the impasse, Mrs. Gandhi flew to the capital town of Gauhati on April 12 but returned to New Delhi rebuffed within nine hours.

An attempt to send in the army with "shoot to kill" orders was set aside by the local high court, and the arrest of thousands of demonstrators on a single day has made no dent in this explosive display of youth power, imprisonment being regarded as a status symbol.

Young leaders of the All-Assam Students Union and of 11 organizations grouped under the People's Struggle Committee complain that the Assamese (who are Hindus of Mongolian stock) are in a minority in their own homeland.

Their anger is directed at Bengalis who have lived in the area since the 19th century, before the British carved out Assam as a separate province, and even more at Hindus fleeing religious persecution in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

While political parties sit on the fence, youth leaders are bent on getting rid of these "foreigners".

Forty Bengalis were murdered in January, 5,000 houses looted and burned, and about 20,000 people

Schmidt has been quoted as comparing the present situation with that in July 1914. In fact, it was not his own analogy, but the subject of an article in the American quarterly *Foreign Affairs* by Professor Miles Kahler of Princeton University. Unfortunately, Schmidt said, the analogy was not "completely false". Military thinking still played an excessive role today.

If and when the chancellor goes to Moscow — probably in June — he will appeal to Brezhnev to make the pursuit of peace his first priority rather than the designs of his military planners. There is still a risk that this appeal will fall on deaf ears. That is why Schmidt wants to make sure before his visit that the Russians are ready to discuss concrete peace-saving measures like disarmament.

Talks on an agreement to abandon the dislocation of new medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe could be the starting-point on the road back to reason.

It is meanwhile reported that the East German leadership is as disturbed about the Afghanistan crisis as Bonn. Although East Berlin publicly defends the Soviet position, a leading East German clergyman, Bishop Schoenher, said in an interview with a West Berlin radio station recently that there was no great enthusiasm amongst East Germany's leaders about the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan. But East Germany could not opt out of its obligations to Moscow.

The strong interest which the USSR is showing in mending fences with the West after the Afghanistan adventure could mean for the East Germans that the Soviets will allow them a looser rein than before. (OFNS)

forced to flee to West Bengal.

More ominous, from Mrs. Gandhi's point of view, is the ease with which "Assam for the Assamese" campaigners have paralyzed life.

Schools and colleges remain closed. Letters are not delivered. Trains and buses have stopped running. No one goes to work any more. Shops have pulled down their shutters.

There is a complete blockade of Assam's major exports: tea, jute and oil. Picketing by women and children has stopped production at the oil fields, whose annual 4.6 million tons of crude meet one-seventh of India's needs. The daily loss is calculated at \$4 million.

Claiming there are about five million illegal immigrants from Bangladesh (the figure appears to be grossly exaggerated), Assamese are demanding deportation of everyone who entered the state after 1951.

Mrs. Gandhi is understandably worried about repercussions in West Bengal and Bangladesh, neither of which prepared to take in Assam's rejected population. She has greater reason to be concerned about the danger of Assam's militants making common cause with ethnic rebels in Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and other parts of India's troubled northeast.

Gauhati is already plastered with posters reading, "Assam oil belongs to Assam," and "Indians should get out of Assam". A secessionist movement there could endanger the entire northeastern triangle, with a population of about 50 million. It is bordered by Tibet, Burma and Bangladesh, and linked to the rest of India only through Assam. — (OFNS)

## saudi press review

**Al Medina** Tuesday led with the third five-year development plan which, it said, concentrates on the projects which have a direct impact on the life of citizens and stresses the development of native manpower and the formation of a productive base for the country. **Al Jazirah** played as its lead story Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi's talk before the National Arab-American Association (NAAA) in Washington, in which he said that the Saudi Arabian experiment in development has attracted the attention of world experts.

The newspaper editorials continued to comment on the country's third development plan.

They also hailed the popular upheaval on the West Bank of the Jordan against the Zionist occupation forces. Spanish Premier Suarez's current visit to Saudi Arabia was also dealt with in some editorials.

Commenting on the third plan, **Al Jazirah** said that the ambition for development and the success achieved in the previous plans have provided the main incentive to face boldly all the challenges that come up as a result of changing regional and international situations. The paper added that the royal directives and encouragement, coupled with the great amount of technical expertise, are the main elements contributing to the success of the previous plans and providing encouragement to embark on the third plan.

In a front-page story, **Al Jazirah** reported the violation of the Iranian air space by four unidentified planes. Newspapers highlighted

Arafat's talks with the King and the crown prince on the present situation in the Arab world. **Al Jazirah** gave front-page prominence to the upcoming visit of the South Korean president to Saudi Arabia and also reported that Yugoslavia President Tito's death has cast a worldwide gloom and non-aligned leaders are expected to participate in his funeral.

The election of Constantine Karamanlis as president of Greece was prominently on the front page of **Al Jazirah**, which also highlighted PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's warning that Israel might launch a big military operation against the world experts.

Commenting on the third plan, **Al Jazirah** said that it was a matter of pride that the state has launched the third plan. It is also the more pleasing that the government and people have triumphed over skepticism and belied all the misleading propaganda of those elements which do not want to see the

Kingdom flourish and providing others an example to follow. The paper referred to the achievements of the second plan and said that the facts themselves speak that what the experts of the East and the West had declared impossible

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**Chez Sabine**

# Ruwais in the springtime

By Kay Hardy Campbell

JEDDAH — In a frantic rush the models just barely changed in and out of their clothing in time, grabbing such accessories as hats, handbags and scarves before they lined up to face their international audience. As soon as they stepped onto the runway ("Podium" among Jeddah's French community), they calmly glided past the penetrat-

ing eyes of the spectators. Sports clothes, casual wear, and evening dress were paraded past the audience to whet their purchasing appetites.

The final applause brought to a close a recent Chez Sabine fashion show.

This spring, several local boutiques have shown off their spring and summer fashions to the women of the city in private showings, both large and intimate. One of Jeddah's

newest boutiques, Chez Sabine, has introduced two new lines from France: Mic Mac and Georges Rech. These fashions bring a new look to Jeddah: simplicity and bright colors.

"Chez Sabine" Opened in Ruwais in March. Proprietor Sabine Voss, in the shop's first season, has included her wares in several shows this spring including the American Ladies of Jeddah Annual Fashion Show in March, a show at the Dutch Ambassador's residence, and several private viewings.

Sabine brings simple lines in both wash-and-wear fabrics and silks to Jeddah.

She was struck when she arrived here two years ago, by the paucity of boutiques and so decided to open her own.

A goldsmith by profession, Sabine has turned to retailing as a hobby. Her children are still young and require more attention than a goldsmith can spare. Goldsmiths, Sabine says must spend eight hours a day at their craft, a schedule which does not leave much time for family. For the next few years, Sabine will concentrate on fashion.

Sabine is German, yet her shop represents two French lines of clothing. Sabine has found that German designers and consumers place little importance on summer wear, since summers in Germany are so short. In France the summers are long and hot and French designers take summerwear more seriously.

Mic Mac and Georges Rech spring and summer wear is in bright cottons and silks designed for Mediterranean summers, an approach which succeeds here.

Pulling a billowy full-length turquoise cotton shift from the rack, she speculated that she would be laughed at, were she to wear such a dress in her native German village, even on the hottest day in summer.

Last year in Paris, Sabine approached both designers with her idea to open a Jeddah boutique. Both houses were very pleased to give her an outlet in Jeddah for their fashions. She placed her first orders last summer, all of which arrived within the last two months, just in time for Jeddah's many spring shows.

Twice a year Sabine goes to Paris to see the collections. In mid April, she viewed next year's winter line while on a vacation in Europe. Since Jeddah has no use for winter collections, she buys predominantly spring and summer goods, a trend common to most Jeddah boutiques.

Mic Mac and Georges Rech are designer houses, so articles of clothing carrying their labels also carry steep price tags. A silk chiffon skirt in black sells for SR 900. Most dresses are well past the SR 1,000 mark, but to those who enjoy bright and billowing high quality cottons and silks with designer labels, the prices are not at all surprising.

**But the opera's the thing**

## The Met: a house that looks lived in

By Martin Bernheimer

NEW YORK — Beverly Sills may be making threatening waves next door at the State Theater, where she runs the New York City Opera. Zubin Mehta may be sustaining a heroic sound on the other side of the plaza, where he glamorizes the New York Philharmonic. Still, the insiders insist, The Metropolitan Opera is where the action is these days at Lincoln Center.

Sometimes.

The four last gasps of the Met season (that is, the final performances in New York before the annual spring tour) found the company in contradictory form. The Met, for better or worse, is James Levine's house now and, on the basis of one random marathon sampling, would seem to be a house with a double, if not triple, artistic standard.

The house itself, now 14 years old, definitely looks lived in. The plush carpeting is clearly the worse for wear, as is the upholstery. Some of the opulent public space has been gobbled up for administrative offices, and one of the posh cafes has disappeared to make room for a posh souvenir store. Out-towners still crane their necks in a vain attempt to assess those vaunted chagall murals, displayed without hope of an unobstructed view. But blase New Yorkers pretend not to notice any of this. After all, the opera, not the house, is the thing.

With the top ticket fetching \$ 55, it should

Heely. It was beautifully sung, apart from a mortal lapse here and there, and tellingly enacted by a near-ideal cast headed by Renata Scotto and Placido Domingo. Best of all, it was conducted by Levine with the sort of lyrical breadth and passion we had begun to fear were forever denied us in the bread-and-butter Puccini canon.

Levine brought comparable distinction to the sort of dusty ritual that tends to give opera a bad reputation.

night before to Wagner's "parsifal" in what one might regard as a perpetual rehearsal for Beyreut, 1981. Unfortunately, The Met's 10-year-old imitation Wieland Wagner production, directed by Nathaniel Merrill and designed by Robert O'Hearn, now looks dark and dated, and the present cast, a curious conglomeration of has-beens and would-be's, could do little to make this uncouth performance seem more than a wonderfully

accompanied endurance contest.

The same director and designer were responsible for the cutesy "L'Elisir d'Amore" which dates back to the 1960s and looks every tacky minute of its age. To make matters worse, the production was hastily taken out of mothballs for this single New York performance before the tour. It turned out to be the sort of dusty ritual that tends to give opera a bad reputation with everyone but the groupies.

The groupies in this instance came to cheer Luciano Pavarotti, who ignored his colleagues on the stage, sported his own costumes from a production set in a different period, interpolated a volley of private gags and belittled a self-indulgent distortion of the central role. The star turn produced delirious satisfaction in the 4,000-seat house, a few dissenting boos notwithstanding.

The superintendent's associates included Judith Blegen, an Adina with a peep of a voice and a toothpaste-ad personality; Mario Sereni, who wasn't much of a Belcovo even 15 years ago and who does not age well; and Domenico Trinarchi, a buffo Bulcarnaro in the best provincial tradition.

(The Los Angeles Times)

**The season's fitting finale**

## Jeddah's impossible dream

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

JEDDAH — Once again Jeddah Players and Saudi Equity Theatre bring the season to a close with a flourish with their ninth joint musical production "Man of La Mancha". They have excellent material to work with for this opera is superb.

First staged in 1965, it is American playwright Dale Wasserman's adaptation of Cervantes' "Don Quixote".

The contemporary interpretation by Wasserman deviates slightly from the original to include the author in the production. He brings to bear some aspects of Cervantes' own life which may have influenced his writing of "Don Quixote".

The play is set in a prison in sixteenth century Seville, where Cervantes has been taken to await trial by the Inquisition for an offense against the authorities. The aging and impoverished poet-actor lives out the tales of his yet unrecognized masterpiece "Don Quixote", for the common folk who are his fellow prisoners. His portrayal of figures and events are familiar to the simplest and give hope of release from the cold cruelty of the world.

Through delicate changes of lighting and props, the prison becomes the setting for the various events in his story.

His cell mates become the characters in the novel.

After each series of episodes, we are taken back to the prison vault where the inmates challenge Cervantes' philosophy and become more involved in his fanciful tale of knighterrant Don Quixote.

The set changes in the Jeddah production are handled with precision as are both the musical accompaniment and the actors' changes of roles. The cast of 28, slips with ease from prison to fantasy.

The narrative line is taken directly from

Cervantes' familiar satire, Alfonso Quijana, a soft-spoken old country gentleman, has read so many romances that he now trembles on the brink of insanity. He becomes Don Quixote de La Mancha, a knight in search of noble causes.

The demanding combined lead role Cervantes — Quijote is superbly handled by layne Montgomery. His changes of character are remarkable, his embodiment of insane idealism, mesmerizing. Montgomery, who has a seasoned background in choreography and ballet, has powerful stage presence, not only through his voice and persona, but also his sheer grace and strength of movement.

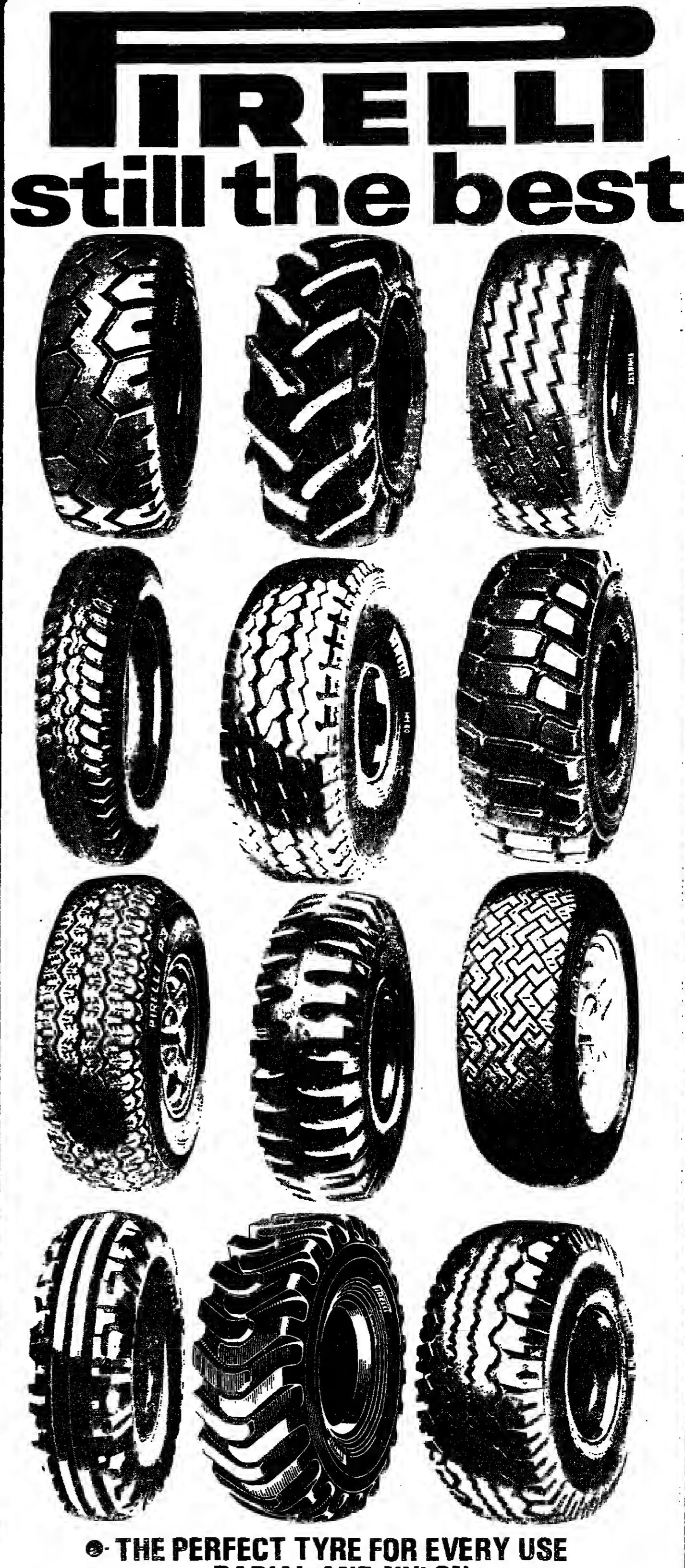
Quijote is convinced that he is living in the days of chivalry, as he sets out to save the world, in a suit of ancient armor. He is accompanied by that personification of common sense the Fool to Quijote's Lear. Sancho Panza, played by him Cook. commendable in this production Cook has previous experience on the Jeddah stage and was active in the Crown Players of Tehran before coming here.

The leading woman's role in the play is Aldonza, a simple serving girl and trollop at an inn which Quijote sees as a castle. For him she becomes an ideal woman. "Every knight must have his lady" and he dubbs her Dulcinea, the guiding light of his wanderings.

Connie Morrison makes her debut on the Jeddah stage as Dulcinea. Singer, musician and consummate actress, Morrison lights up the stage with her vigor and vitality.

The mad knight comes off badly in his attempts to deal with the world but because he struggles so valiantly his most ludicrous adventures often take on profound ironic truth.

The show opens at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and closes Thursday at The Player's Playhouse.



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## OECD chief calls for energy, inflation checks

MADRID, May 6 (AP) — Describing the current world economic situation as difficult, the secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Emile Van Lennep, said Monday priority attention must be devoted to inflation and energy.

He spoke at a five-day International Symposium on Industrial Policies for the 80's, opened by King Juan Carlos. It is attended by more than 250 government officials, businessmen, labor leaders and university professors not only from OECD countries but also from a number of other countries. The symposium was organized by the Spanish Industry and Energy Ministry in cooperation with an under the patronage of the OECD.

"After the huge oil price increase of 1979-80, a period of slow economic growth is inevitable," Van Lennep said. "But we must make fullest possible use of that period to consolidate and to ensure that the conditions for a return to stable sustained growth are created."

"We must bring inflation under control.

### Credit for Hunt silver fully backed, bank says

BASEL, Switzerland, May 6 (AP) — Swiss Bank Corporation said Monday it is not worried about multimillion-dollar credits it had awarded the American Hunt brothers involved in huge silver dealings.

A spokesman for corporation, one of the country's "big three" banks, said its total credits to Nelson Bunker Hunt and William Herbert Hunt exceeded \$200 million at one time — as they had testified before the U.S. Congress Friday.

But the spokesman said the bank considers these as "normal credit positions which are fully covered." He added the amounts had been considerably reduced in recent weeks, and there is no cause for concern for the bank.

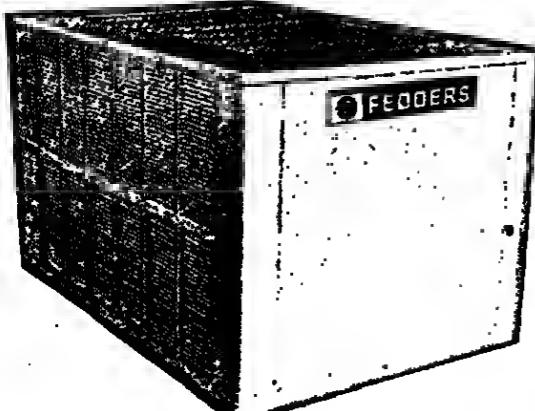
### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.53	7.67	7.66
Deutsche Mark (100)	183.00	186.50	186.30
Swiss F (100)	197.00	202.50	202.25
French F (100)	79.00	79.50	79.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	39.00	39.70	39.70
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	98.00
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.23	4.39
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.25	12.32
Jordanian Dinar		11.14	11.16
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.70	89.70
Qatari Ryal (100)		90.90	90.90
Bahraini Dinar		8.86	8.86
Iranian Ryal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Ryal (100)	73.75	73.25	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.50	81.60	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	42.30	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.90	—
Turkish Lira (1000)	45.45	—	—
Gold kg.	55,500.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	6,500.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.91	—	14.70
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	114.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	166.00	—	169.00
Spanish Peso (1,000)	50.00	—	48.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	81.00	—	45.25
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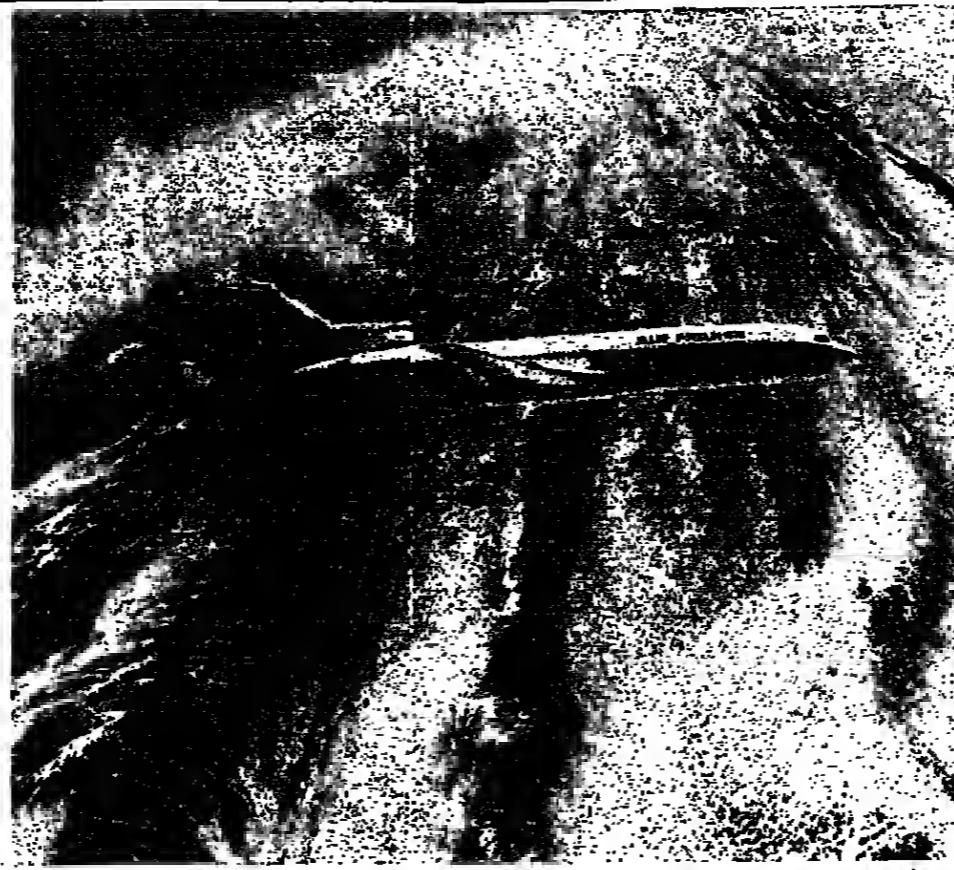
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NEW AND OLD : As smoke belows from the 9,677-foot peak of Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington State, a new Boeing 727 flies past en route to its new owners, Air France. The 727 is the 23rd delivered to the airline by the northwest Washington-based aircraft company.

### Market regains earlier losses

Following a negative opening in which 3.07 points were attributed to ex-dividends, the market regained its losses entering positive ground, gaining most of its points in late afternoon trading. Trading Monday was moderately active.

Before Monday's opening, the report on the survey of corporate purchasing managers showed business plummeted in April. Chase Manhattan lowered its prime rate to 18 per cent from 18.5 per cent, and Morgan Guaranty lowered its rate with its prime a full percentage point to 17. Other news on the day: President Carter expects a substantial drop in inflation this summer; Ford Motor late par U.S. car sales 41,076 vs. 69,358; U.S. Steel sees slump extending and pulled back slightly after the news but quickly recovered. General Motors cut its dividend after Monday's close to 60 cents from 1.15.

**Price cuts.** Most declines: Public Service N.Y. up 1% to 35 1/2; Light Cray up 2%; to 35 1/2; Eastern up 1% to 61 1/2; Rockwell up 2% to 35 1/2; Overland up 1% to 28 1/2; Gulf Oil up 1% to 39 1/2.

**Growth and glamour.** March 1 to 67 1/2; Avco up 1% to 36 1/2; Amer. Hosp. Sply up 1% to 34 1/2; Honeywell up 1% to 74 1/2; Strong Tech. up 1% to 13 1/2; Eastern Kodak up 1% to 52 1/2; Hardee Foods up 1% to 30 1/2; McDonald's up 1% to 47 1/2; Philip Morris down 1% to 43 1/2; and Time Inc. off 1% to 39 1/2.

**Energy market.** Everett Mine, off 1% to 35 1/2; Marathon down 1% to 56 1/2; S.A. off 1% to 101 1/2; Texaco up 1% to 54 1/2; Phillips up 1% to 52 1/2; Dresser off 1% to 51 1/2; Standard Fr. instl up 1% to 23 1/2; Schlumberger up 3% to 109 1/2; Texaco Oil and Gas up 1% to 41 1/2; and Memphis Chk off 1% to 99 1/2.

**Basic industry.** Basic Steel up 1% to 24 1/2; Cola Factor, off 1% to 39 1/2; U.S. Gypsum up 1% to 101 1/2; Union Carbide up 1% to 50 1/2; Kao Corp. up 1% to 40 1/2; Kao Corp. up 1% to 31 1/2; McMurtry up 1% to 26 1/2; and General Elec. up 1% to 8 1/2.

**Autom.** Ford off 1% to 22 1/2; GM off 1% to 44 1/2; Machinery Index: Ingalls Rnd off 1% to 16 1/2; Caterpillar World up 1% to 16 1/2; and Allis-Chalmers up 1% to 16 1/2.

**Automotive parts and related.** Nucor Corp. up 1% to 49 1/2; Raytheon up 2% to 72 1/2; General Dynamics off 1% to 62 1/2; Northwest up 1% to 24 1/2; DAL up 1% to 16 1/2; Burlington Northern up 1% to 59 1/2; Southern up 1% to 57 1/2.

**Mining.** Metal Mining up 1% to 19 1/2; Newmont off 4% to 33 1/2; St. Joe Minerals up 1% to 10 1/2; Denison Mines up 1% to 62 1/2; homesite up 1% to 47 1/2; Hecla mining off 1% to 27 1/2; Day Mines off 1% to 21 1/2.

**Seaports.** Merrill Lynch International and Co. Macmillan Bloedel, Borealis.

**Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh.** Supply, installation and operation of three water treatment units for the National Guard's wells in Khashim Al-Aan.

**Directorate General of Education, Western Province Ministry of Defense and Aviation.** Supply of requirements for technical education.

**Municipality of Hail.** Operation and maintenance of drinking water project in Haimah.

**Municipality of Jeddah.** Construction of shade for 12 plants.

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## International Finance International Bourse, Commodities, Money and Exchange Rates

### International Share Information

INTERDAM	البلدان	Sidra, Gen. Belgique	1185	1186
Closing		Sofina, Gen.	1352	1360
May 1		Sofina, Gen.	3375	3350
Closing		Solvay A.	1452	1430
May 2		Union Miniere	752	754
		Ville Montagne	1325	1322

FRANKFURT	البلدان	Alfa Romeo	75.00	74.50
Closing		Allianz Versicher.	370.00	365.00
May 1		BMW	163.00	163.00
Closing		BASF	141.10	142.50
May 2		Bayer	117.70	120.00
		Bayer, Wiesbaden	220.00	220.00
		Bayerische Landesbank	250.00	250.00
		Brown Boehr.	297.00	298.00
		Commerzbank	161.50	162.20
		Burnbank	209	210
		Cadbury Schweppes	65	65
		Charter Cons.	149	147
		Coats Patons	43	43
		Deutsche Bank	405	405
		Dub. Bausch.	141.50	141.50
		Courtaulds	70	70
		Dodge	251	251
		Dilliters	209	210
		E.ON	50	50
		Feltex Chilli	184.50	184.50
		GHD	203.00	204.40
		Hagag Lloyd	68.50	68.10
		Hagag, Chil. Clay	80%	80%
		Hilti	26.00	26.00
		Hochseider.	115.50	116.50
		Hoesch	26.00	26.70
		Holzmann	382.00	380.00
		Hortex	130.50	130.50
		GKN	278	277
		Guardian Royal Ex.	254	255
		Gulf Univ. Stores "A"	404	404
		Gulfmills	95%	95%
		KHD	217.50	224.00
		Kluecker Werke	44.50	44.50
		Henson	146	147
		Hessner & Crafid	27%	27%
		Hessner Stiddley	184	184
		Hembro	354	357
		Herranz	107	107%
		Kali und Salz	150.50	152.00
		Kemuth	200.00	199.00
		KHD	217.50	224.00
		Kloekhoven Werke	52.50	52.50
		Knorr-Bremse	160.00	160.20
		Knorr-Bremse	105.10	105.40
		Lohmann	142.90	142.50
		MAN	188.00	188.50
		Mannesmann	117.70	118.00
		Mitsubishi	27.00	27.00
		Munich Ruck	485.00	486.00
		Neckermann	134.50	134.50
		Nordic Kraft	150.00	150.00
		Prausung DM100	191.00	192.00
		Rhein West. Elect.	165.00	168.00
		Rheinmetall	200.00	200.00
		Sal	192.00	202.70
		Siemens	250.00	250.00
		Tyssen A.G.	71.00	71.00
		Wacker Industrie	120.00	120.00
		Zucker	111.00	111.00
		Ver. Elekt. Werke	131.70	132.20
		Volkswagen	103.80	103.80
			5200	5180

### IND INFORMATION

EUROBONDS	البلدان	Closing	Closing
		Apr. 30	Apr. 29
		Price Fis.	Price Aus.

May 2 following is the Calendar of Scheduled Eurobond and Foreign Bond offerings tentative terms, syndicate manager and date when settling period ends, where applicable. Coupons and yields are on annual basis unless otherwise indicated.

#### EURODOLLAR ISSUES

deral Business Development Corp., 75 million dollars, due 1986, 12.25% at par, callable, Wood Gund, 50 million dollars, due 1987, 12.25% at par, Banco International NY, guaranteed by Banco de Bilbao, 50 million dollars, due with no holders option to redeem at par in 1987, semi-annual interest of 0.25% above six-month Interbank Eurodollar offered rates, par, minimum interest 3%, Citicorp International Bank, 8 May.

#### EUROMARK ISSUES

sterreichische Kontrollbank, guaranteed by Austria, 100 million marks, due 1990, Bayrische Landesbank.

#### OTHER CURRENCIES

xico, 150 million French francs, due 1 June 1985, 14% at par, Societe Generale, 1/2.

Volume of scheduled Eurobond issues totals the equivalent of about 216 in dollars compared with 496 million dollars a week earlier.

#### FOREIGN ISSUES

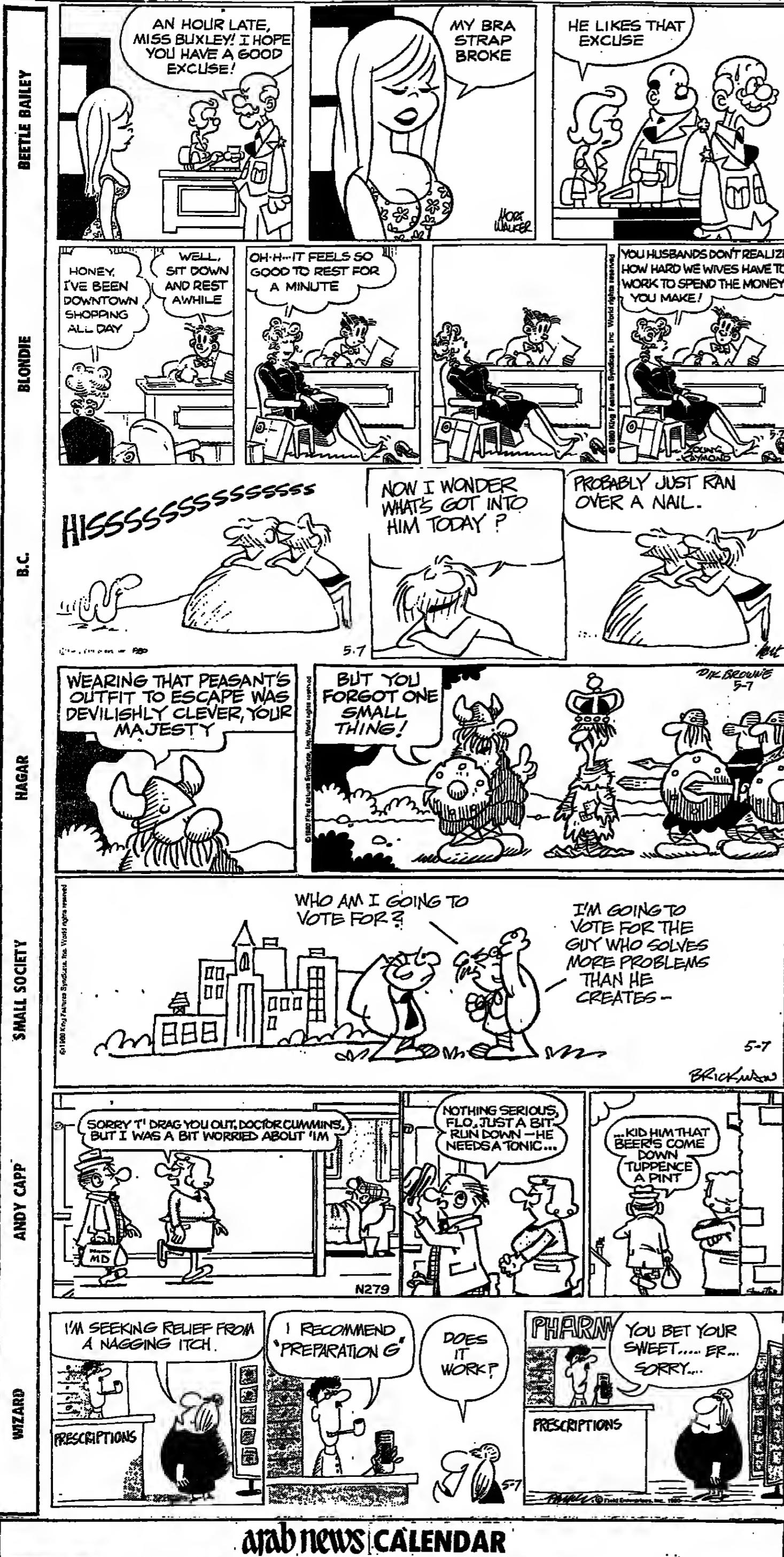
ise Nationale des Telecommunications, guaranteed by French government, 100 Swiss francs, due 1990, 6.25% at 100.5, Swiss Bank Corp.

erho Ltd., 60 million Swiss francs, due 1990, Banque Keyser Ullmann em Suisse 7-13 May.

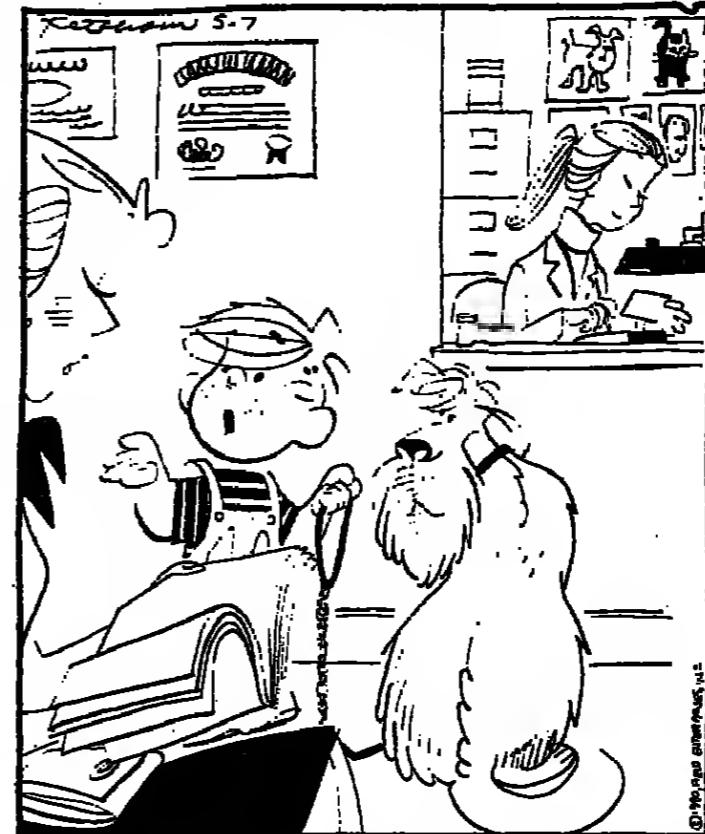
GOVT. GOVERNMENT BONDS

(Quoted in pounds)

	May 1	May 2
July 1981	98	98 1/16
July 1983	94%	94 1/16
July 1984	90%	91%
July 1985	102%	103%
July 1986	100%	101%
July 1987	100%	101%
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## DENNIS the MENACE



"WELL, IF IT'S NOT GONNA MAKE RUFF JUMP UP IN THE AIR, HOW COME THEY CALL IT A BOOSTER SHOT?"

### Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

**At Trick One You Know It All**  
South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable:

NORTH  
♦ K 10 8  
♥ J 10 6  
♦ Q 6  
♦ K Q 7 2

WEST  
♦ 7 3  
♥ Q 9 5 3  
♦ K 8 7 3 2  
♦ 8 5

EAST  
♦ Q J 9 4  
♥ K 8 4 2  
♦ A 5  
♦ 9 6 3

SOUTH  
♦ A 8 2  
♥ A 7  
♦ J 10 9 4  
♦ A J 10 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Let's assume you're East and your partner leads a diamond against three notrump. Dummy plays the queen, which you win with the ace, but what would you do next? You shouldn't automatically return partner's suit, especially since declarer, by playing dummy's queen, seems to be trying to get you do so.

Note that in the actual case South easily scores nine tricks if you return a diamond. But the correct return of the deuce follows from all this that South's distribution is 3-2-4-4. So, at trick two, you play a low heart, won by West with the queen. He returns his fourth-best heart, on which you follow low, and South is then sure to go down one.

Tomorrow: A matter of good technique.

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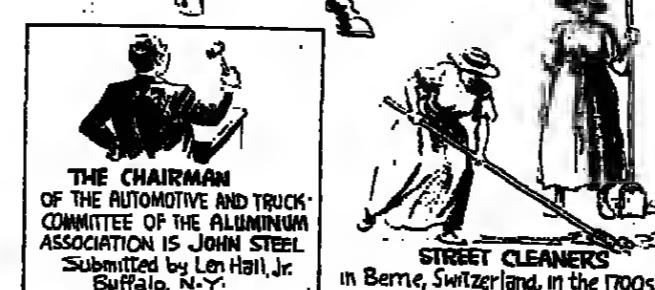


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### Riley's Believe It or Not!



EMPEROR NERO  
(37-68AD.)  
of Rome  
HAD HIS  
MULES  
SHOD WITH  
GOLD AND  
SILVER,  
HORSESHOES



STREET CLEANERS  
In Berne, Switzerland, in the 1700s  
OFTEN WERE FEMALE CONVICTS

### STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS



THERE'S NO  
BODY WEIGHT  
BEHIND THE STROKE.

daily inlets

### Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1980

workers or employees project has financial though routine may be LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Tenuous relationships break up, but you maimer regrets. In an your perspective o changes. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A domestic requires some extra on your part. Get privacy. Don't let intrude on family SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Other's feelings are hurt now. A friend change your perspective life. Watch needless about career. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Money problems re new attitude towards The way is clear for but you may have to promise. CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

The emphasis is on your financial structure. You may decide to revamp your attitude towards investments. The zodiac finds you serious-minded. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

An issue thought buried resurfaces. Possible tension re close relationships requires a fresh perspective to insure harmony. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Don't let small won to you. Research on a project will help get you yourself. Let solitude insight.

### Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rick's American in "Casa-blanca"

3 Road hazard

4 U.S. missile DOWN

5 Arizona city

11 Menacing phrase

12 Large book

14 Mexican holiday item

21 Be like the inept fullback

24 Eye

25 Surpassed

6 Of a Great Lake

7 "All the President's

—

20 Catch

21 Crossed out

22 Renown

23 — motion (impel)

24 Greek poet

25 Reverberate

26 Prepared the pears

27 "Cakes and —"

28 Pieces of wood

29 Cafe hill

30 Half of a Tolstoi duo

31 Humorist

34 Pencil-box item

36 Bog down

37 Gull

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6 Of a  
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9 Frost  
10 Wine  
11 The F  
12 hero  
13 Italian  
14 river  
15 seaport  
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work  
A X Y D L B A A X E  
I S L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single apostrophes, the length and formation of the words at hints. Each day the code letters are different.

### CRYPTOQUOTES

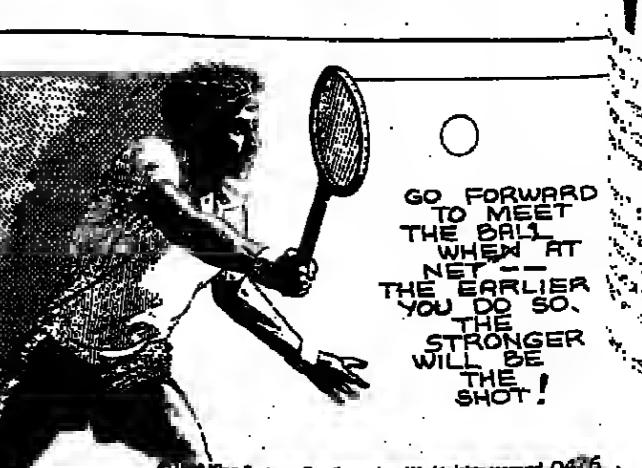
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POO CKQQ CPHPAARS ZAPIII

DPC CEY MJHY CAYJCHY

X Y M C Y A U J X . — C E Y Z A P R A J M C K T J C  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I WASN'T BORN IN A LOG CA  
BUT MY FAMILY MOVED INTO ONE AS SOON AS TI  
COULD AFFORD IT.—MELVILLE D. LANDON

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### arab news CALENDAR

#### DAHHRAN TV

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On FM at 94 Megahertz in 3.2 meter band  
On SW at 11.855 Kilometers in 25 meter band  
On MW at 1405 Kilometers in 202 meter band

Evening Transmissions

Wednesday Afternoon Transmissions

2:00 Openings

2:01 Holy Quran

2:02 Course of Guidance

2:10 Key to their Success

2:20 On Islam

2:30 A Chat and a Song

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Science Journal

3:30 A Selection of Music

3:40 —

3:50 Closedown

4:00 Closedown

Evening Transmissions

8:30 Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:15 Light Music

9:15 Jeddah Highlights

9:45 Companions of the Prophet

10:00 A Viewpoint

10:10 Music

10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle

10:30 Sound Sweet and Sour

11:00 A Leaf from Lafey's Notebook

11:15 Some Latinas

11:45 On Islam

12:00 Concert Choice

12:45 A Rendezvous with Drapers

News Summary

5:15 Report on Religion

6:05 Radio Newsreel

6:15 Outlook

7:00 World News

7:00 Commentary

7:15 Sherlock Holmes

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:00 Books and Writers

8:00 The Face of England

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Wad Pharmacy  
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ALKHOBAR  
Al-Khobar Pharmacy  
BIN Mithem Pharmacy

**LOST**

A Philippine passport No. L202203 issued at Manila on 15-3-1978, and Iqama No 350 both belonging to MR ZOSIMO T. ALCANTARA. Finder please deliver it to Philippine Embassy or call 672500 ext. 400 - Jeddah.

**PASSPORT LOST**

Name: MOHAMMAD SABIR S/O. MOHD AZIZ.  
Nationality: Pakistani. Passport No: AH-035507.  
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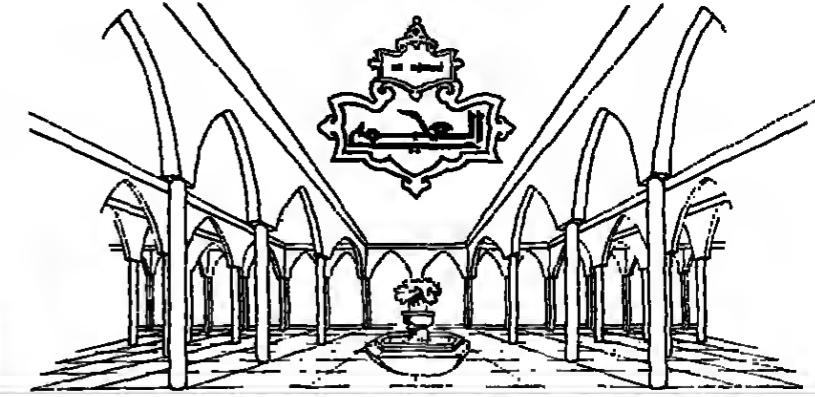
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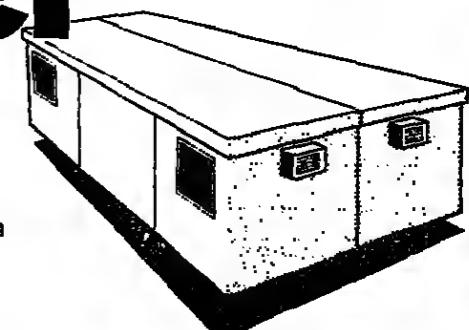
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## Murder of students enrages Afghans

NEW DELHI, May 6 (AP) — There is a small shop on Kabul's Chicken Street that has been closed since the start of the Afghan children's revolt.

Merchant Abdul Hakim shuttered his tiny store crowded with stacks of Oriental rugs when he heard that his only children, two daughters, had been shot by Russian occupation troops in an anti-Soviet street demonstration described by witnesses as "almost suicidal."

There are today many grieving Kabul fathers like Hakim. Kabul seethes with rage over the shooting death of at least 65 schoolchildren between the ages of 12 and 17, many of them girls who led some of the protests. Seventeen pro-government students also were killed, a Marxist woman school principal was lynched and at least two Russian soldiers were injured, both seriously.

An account of the disturbances was pieced together here from interviews with Western travelers and an Afghan eyewitness, who like the other sources declined to be identified.

The revolt, the bloodiest disturbance since 300 persons were killed last February in anti-Soviet protests, began April 21 when high school students refusing to attend the unveiling of the new national flag rioted.

A passing Russian army jeep was stopped by the teen-aged boys who dragged its driver from the vehicle and beat him.

The soldier was rescued by troops in armored personnel carriers. They fired into the crowd but the number of casualties was not known.

Violence again shook the capital five days later when students of Habiba High School, the city's largest, stoned a limousine carrying the Soviet ambassador and visiting Party Secretary Mikhail Zimbyan on Darulaman Road.

An armed escort fired on the demonstrators, killing several. The bodies of the dead were carried back to the high school, whose 800 students stormed from their classrooms, shouting anti-Soviet slogans.

"Death to the killers, death to Babrak Karmal, death to Leonid Brezhnev," they yelled at a Russian armored unit that surrounded the school grounds and opened fire, killing 13 on the spot and wounding 60, five of whom later died.

The news of the incident quickly spread through the city and students of other educational institutions rose up, some 2,000 strong, in massive protests against the killings.

Outside the Babarast Cinema, students clashed with Russian soldiers. One young enlisted man was grabbed by knife-wielding demonstrators who put out both of his eyes.

Numerous reports circulated of par-Karmal students in the high schools and at Kabul University being fatally stabbed by nationalist classmates. There was no indication of underground rebel groups masterminding the uprising, which appeared to be a spontaneous venting of hatred against the Soviet occupation troops.

The state-run television, which is seen only

in Kabul, denied any shooting deaths, which it claimed was false propaganda churned out by the United States, Egypt, China and Pakistan.

"But we could see the bodies of the schoolgirls in the road," said a capital resident on his arrival in New Delhi.

What has caused an emotional upheaval in the city of 600,000 were numerous marches led by unarmed schoolgirls. They jeered at Afghan soldiers, who uniformly refused to fire despite orders from Russian officers. The protesters shouted verbal abuse hitherto unheard of by females in Afghanistan's traditional Muslim society, Afghan sources said.

Near the walled royal palace, now the pro-Moscow regime's headquarters and called the "People's House," a European watched as a schoolgirl repeatedly slapped the face of one Afghan infantryman who lost control of his AK-47 assault rifle.

The girl picked up the weapon, declaring, "I would not shoot my own countrymen."

A Russian officer called on the soldiers to open fire but they refused to obey the order.

A Soviet soldier stood in the hatch of an armored vehicle and fired a burst of bullets, mortally wounding the student.

Middle-age Afghan women, at first shocked at the girls' behavior stood watching the spectacle as five more unarmed teenagers were gunned down on the wide boulevard. Despite pleading from their husbands to leave the area, they remained where they stood in an apparent act of solidarity with the fallen.

The scene was repeated numerous times,

Demonstrating schoolgirls were fired on but kept marching, stepping over the bodies of their wounded classmates.

Nearly the entire teen-age population

appeared to have joined the revolt. A foreign guest watched as the son of his host, a retired police officer, pleaded for his father's East German-made revolver so he could shoot the "Russian killers."

The father would not let him leave the house, but thousands of others actively participated in the week-long disturbances.

The frustration at the lack of world concern was almost palpable, said a foreign traveler who witnessed several demonstrations.

"Where is Carter, the self-proclaimed guardian of human rights?" they shouted on the streets. "Are we not human beings? Why are the United Nations and other world organizations silent about Russian massacres in Afghanistan?"

The impact of the children's revolt was expected to be far-reaching. "Badal" or "revenge" is the first and foremost of Afghanistan's still rigidly adhered-to tribal code, known as "pushtunwali."

A Westerner who has observed Afghan society first-hand said the fathers of the slain students would not only lose face publicly if they failed to act, but also the total respect of their wives and families. "They would be completely ostracized," he said.

It hopes to catch up in the next 20 years.

To do so it is moving from a period of severe repression to one of comparative freedom. Old habits, customs, prejudices are breaking up like ice in a warming sea. It is one of the most exciting times in recent Chinese history.

It also is one of the most frustrating for every Chinese eagerly seeking change and progress there are perhaps two who are solidly opposed to anything that smacks of daring or adventure.

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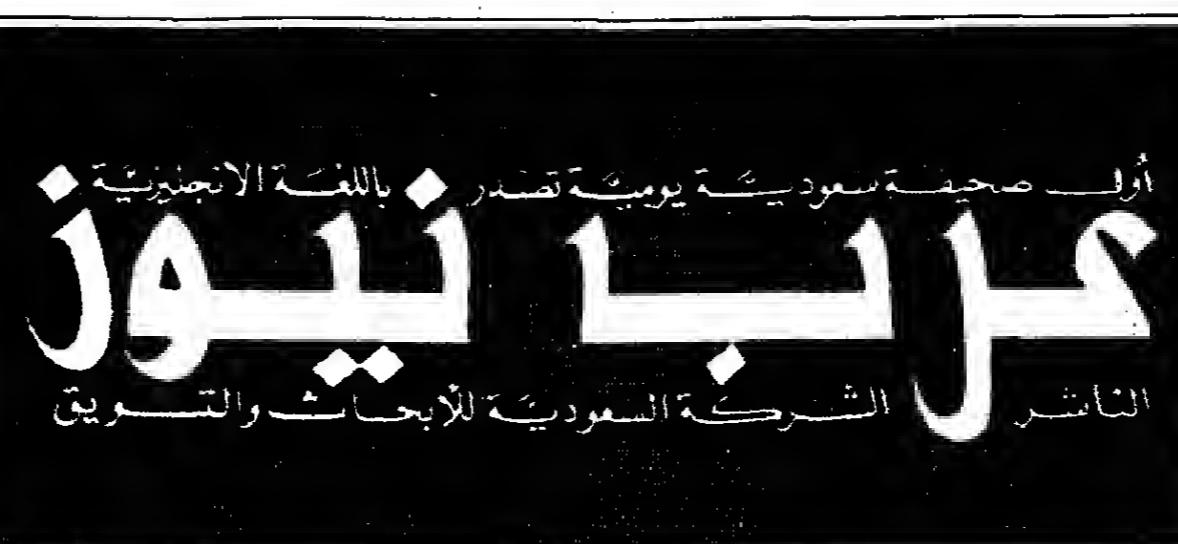
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EYE MASSAGE: Chinese boys do eye exercises in a schoolroom in Fuzhou City, in eastern China. By massaging their eyes they say they relieve fatigue caused by "hard study."

### A nation of surprises

## West rediscovers China

PEKING, May 6 (AP) — Westerners now living in Communist China have rediscovered some half-forgotten truths, among them that behind the gray uniformity the Chinese are a quick, intelligent and imaginative people.

They also have been found — on occasion — to be wondrously arrogant, stubborn and bureaucratic.

At first glimpse, the Chinese seem like automatons in their blue boiler suits, pedaling bicycles 2.5 million-strong to Peking jobs which vary little each day.

Behind the bandlehairs may be a scientific savant, a ballet dancer, an architect, a foreign ministry section chief, a cook with sublime talents, with little or no advertising.

The Chinese have discovered, also, that propaganda can be served in swallowable doses, if enough skill is used. Old leftist movies such as *Street Angels*, made in Shanghai in the 1930's, deliver their messages of poverty and inequality through a combination of acting, wit and honesty. Frequently re-run, *Street Angels* is a current favorite.

All this has made television the hottest item on the Chinese shopping list. Production has tripled, from one million to three million sets a year.

If there is revolution in China these days it is a revolution of rising expectations. The movies, television, commercial advertising, even the newspapers have opened up windows to the outside world which have whetted the Chinese appetite for the material things socialism so long has boasted it can provide.

None of this means socialism is being discarded. The benefits it has brought the Chinese are everywhere apparent. Disease, famine, crime, natural disasters have been controlled or contained. Millions of people shop outside Tiemmen Gate 35 years ago, are better off.

"For us working people," he said, "things are really better. Now I work 48 hours a week instead of 60. My rent is cheap. I only had two years of school, but my children have all gone through high school — for nothing — and one is going to college."

It also is one of the most frustrating for every Chinese eagerly seeking change and progress there are perhaps two who are solidly opposed to anything that smacks of daring or adventure.

For the most part, they are the bureaucrats. In the bad old days of the Maoist era, they ruled supreme with their rubber stamps and copies in triplicate.

The cruel excesses to which they were prone are only now being told in revolting detail. The guiltiest were the public security bureaus which took the law, such as it was, into their own hands, and equated defense of the accused with treason against the state.

After them came leaders of the Communist party, chiefly the ultra-leftists, the so-called "Gang of Four" led by the late chairman Mao Tse-Tung's wife, Chiang Ching. A frown from them meant prison, a scowl death. Millions of careers were broken on the wheel of their displeasure.

Visitors to China in those terrible times found the general population sullen and dull-eyed. An attempt to talk produced frightened.

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## Commando chief urges new hostage rescue try

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP) — Army Col. Charles Beckwith, who led the unsuccessful commando raid to free Americans held in Iran, has told members of the U.S. Congress that another rescue mission should be mounted if the hostages can be located.

"He just said that if we could find out where the hostages are, we should go back in and pick them up," said New York Democrat Samuel S. Stratton, following a three-hour closed door meeting of the House armed services committee Monday.

The 50 American hostages who had been held at the U.S. embassy since last November were moved, scattered among a number of Iranian cities after the commando group's aborted effort to rescue them.

Beckwith, called before the House panel to give details of the aborted mission, also was quoted as saying that taking more than eight helicopters would have made the operation too cumbersome. Three of the eight choppers taken on the mission broke down and the operation was scrubbed.

Beckwith said he was satisfied with eight because if you add more it takes more C-130s (cargo planes) to fuel them and makes the whole thing too cumbersome for stealth," said Alabama Republican William Dickinson.

### Gold mostly lower

## Low interest rates cut dollar

LONDON, May 6 (AP) — As the cost of borrowing fell in the United States, the value of the dollar abroad also went down Tuesday. Gold prices were mostly lower.

With major U.S. banks lowering their prime lending rates to 17 1/2 per cent — a fall of 2 1/2 points since mid-April — the dollar boldings lost their attraction for foreign investors.

Interest rates are dropping because of shrivelling loan demand in the recession-hit U.S. economy. The result is dollar selling on foreign exchanges.

One European money trader said "the market isn't active."

Gold was down in quiet trading. At London's big five bullion houses, gold closed at \$ 512.50 a troy ounce, down from \$ 518 last Friday. London markets were closed Monday for May Day bank holiday.

### Ancient Tibet landscape greener

PEKING, May 6 (AP) — A scientific survey suggests that Tibet in ancient times was much better suited to human habitation than it is now. Communist China's official Xinhua News Agency has reported.

The survey in 1976 "shows that 10,000 years ago there was widespread human activity in Tibet ... the survey also suggests that natural conditions in the area, such as climate, water availability and grass, were better off.

But, it said, it was global climatic changes and the rise of the Tibetan plateau that led eventually to today's conditions — windy, cold weather with little rainfall and frequent hailstorms.



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